water and electricity to unauthorised colonies. In this regard, the MCD had sought clarification from the High Court of Delhi vide writ petition No. 4771/93. The hon. High Court—in its order, dated 19.8.94—clarified that if the rules and regulations of the local bodies allow them, the same may be done. However, at the same time, it was made clear that providing water and electricity to these colonies would not mean regularisation of these colonies. Despite all this, the MCD and the Government of NCT of Delhi have spent Rs. 142.38 crores and Rs. 77.78 crores respectively, on these colonies. But, as per the directions of the High Court, even the provision of electricity, water, etc. would not enable them to claim regularisation.

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल: उपसभापति महोदया, माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया कि यह मामला कोर्ट में पड़ा हुआ है। मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं क्योंकि इस प्रकार की परिस्थिति, जिसमें ऐसी कालोनी, वहां हजारों निवासी रह रहे हैं और हम सब जानते हैं कि अनअथोराइज कालोनी बनती चली गई, बनती चली गई, हर राज्य में बनती चली गई, अब उनमें रहने वालों के जीवन के लिए जो स्टैंडर्ड आवश्यक है, उनके जीवन की उपयोगिता के लिए, उसको उपलब्ध कराना किसी भी सरकार के लिए आवश्यक होता है। अब ऐसी परिस्थिति में अगर कुछ लोग जानबूझ कर किसी कोर्ट में चले गए तो क्या कोर्ट आऊट आफ द कोर्ट सैटलमेंट करने के लिए तैयार नहीं हो सकती? क्या कोर्ट के बाहर इन मामलों में सेटलमेंट नहीं हो सकती? कोर्ट में मामले जाने के बाद बहुत समय लगता है, यह बात हम सभी जानते हैं। तो उस समय तक, जब तक कि कोर्ट का निर्णय न आए, तब तक क्या आऊट आफ कोर्ट सेटलमेंट कर वहां के निवासियों को आवश्यक सेवाएं हम उपलब्ध नहीं करा सकते? क्या सरकार इस पर विचार नहीं कर सकती?

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL: Madam, I take the recommendation made by the hon. Member well. I respond to it positively. We will look into it.

*123. [*The Questioner (Shri Gyan Ranjan) was absent. For answer, vide Col.....infra.*]

Urban Water Supply Schemes in Maharashtra

*124. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:†

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the urban water supply schemes submitted to Government by the Maharashtra Government;

(b) how many such schemes have been approved and how many are awaiting approval; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in approving the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The details of the urban water supply schemes submitted to the Union Government by the Government of Maharashtra for Central assistance under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns having population of less than 20,000 as per 1991 census and for technical approval of schemes under the State Plan/LIC loan assistance are given in Annexures I & II respectively. (*See* below)

(b) 10 water supply schemes mentioned at Sl. Nos. 1-10 in nnexure-I under the AUWSP have been approved for the State of Maharashtra for Central assistance. The remaining 19 water supply schemes have not been approved so far for want of sufficient funds under the AUWSP.

As regards 9 urban water supply schemes submitted by the State Government for technical approval

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sanjay Nirupam.

(exclusive of the AUWSP schemes), 4 schemes mentioned at Sl. Nos. 1-4 in Annexure-II have been approved from technical angle by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO).

(c) Delay in approval of the AUWSP schemes is due to inadequacy of plan provision, whereas that in according technical clearance is due to the normal administrative requirments involving close scrutiny, seeking of clarifications, etc.

Annexure-I

Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP)—Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of the town	District	Project Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Remarks
1.	Patur	Akola	51.03	Approved
2.	Deulgaon Raja	Buldhana	160.22	-do-
3.	Lonar	-do-	98.18	-do-
4.	Main Dargi	Solapur	42.21	-do-
5.	Telhara	Akola	18.37	-do-
6.	Kundalwadi	Nanded	145.10	-do-
7.	Sendurjanaghat	Amrawati	117.78	-do-
8.	Saswad	Pune	213.55	-do-
9.	Indapur	Pune	324.47	-do-
10.	Dudhani	Solapur	200.19	-do-
		TOTAL	1371.10	
11.	Rahatapimplas	Ahmednagar	490.00	State Board requested to furnish necessary clarifications on technical issues.
12.	Sindhi	Wardha	366.57	Not approved for want of funds.
13.	Mul	Chandrapur	462.81	-do-
14.	Kalam	Osmanbad	808.85	-do-
15.	Vadgaon	Kolhapur	284.96	-do-
16.	Kameleshwar	Nagpur	177.53	-do-
17.	Sabada	Jalgaon	470.79	-do-
18.	Bhagur	Nasik	263.50	-do-
19.	Sonepeth	Parbhani	169.57	-do-
20.	Paranbdha	Osmanbad	286.28	-do-
21.	Biloli	Nanded	272.65	-do-
22.	Hadgaon	Nanded	332.77	-do-
23.	Bhoom	Osmanbad	357.49	-do-
24.	Naldurga	-do-	208.84	-do-
25.	Saoner	Nagpur	467.88	-do-
26.	Mukhed	Nanded	714.18	-do-
27.	Deoli	Wardha	190.42	-do-
28.	Khapa	Nagpur	65.85	-do-
29.	Kandhar	Nanded	629.41	-do-
		TOTAL	7020.35	
		GRAND TOTAL	8391.45	

Annexure-II

Status of Water Supply Projects for Implementation with State Plan/LIC Loan Assistance

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Receipt in Cpheeo	Cost in Rs. Lakhs	Remarks
1.	Augmentation to Yavatmal Water Supply Scheme Distt. Yavatmal	July, 1994	2720.00	Scheme Approved at a Cost of Rs. 2720 lakhs
2.	Augmentation to Chikhali Water Supply Scheme, Distt. Buldhana	Jan., 1995	1504.82	Scheme Approved at a Cost of Rs. 1268 lakhs.
3.	Akola Water Supply Scheme (Phase-III), Distribution System-Reg.	Jan., 1997	3456.40	Scheme Approved at a Cost of Rs. 3456.40 lakhs.
4.	Augmentation to Satara Water Supply Scheme (Kas Dam Source) Tal. Satara, Distt., Satara	June, 1997	1393.62	Scheme Approved at a Cost of Rs. 1393.62 lakhs.
5.	Augmentation of Baramati Water Supply Scheme, Distt. Pune	Jan., 1995	1749.00	Examined and Technical Comment Forwarded to Maharashtra Wate Supply & Sewerage Board (MWSSB). in Feb., 1995 Last Reminder Sent in Aug., 1996 Reply Awaited.
6.	Augmentation to Latur Water Supply Scheme, Stage-V	Nov., 1996	8300.00	Comments Forwarded to MWSSB, Reply Received in July 1997 Which is Under Scrutiny.
7.	Improvement & Augmentation to Kolhapur Water Supply Scheme Phase-I, Part-I	April, 1997	4093.00	Scheme Scrutinized & Technical Comments Forwarded to MWSSB in June, 1997. Reply is Awaited.
8.	Project Report of Amravati Water Supply Scheme (Phase-III) Distribution System-Reg.	April, 1997	4365.00	Scheme Scrutinized and Tech. Comments Forwarded to MWSSB in June, 1997. Reply is Awaited.
9.	Augmentation to Omerga Water Supply Scheme to Omerga, Distt. Osmanabad.	July, 1997	2081.98	Under Scrutiny.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think we should permit the Minister to sit and answer. He had some injury.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: He had a fracture, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can sit and answer, Mr. Minister.

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, while thanking you for the concession that is being extended, I would prefer to stand and answer. Once I stand up, I am comfortable.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You don't feel comfortable while standing.

You may hurt your feet. You can sit and answer. There is no problem.

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, once I stand up, I am comfortable. Let me have that much respect to the House and to the Chair. Let me stand and answer.

श्री संजय निरूपम: मैडम,: महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने यह योजना बनाई है कि अपनी सत्ता के पांच सालों के अंदर महाराष्ट्र के तमाम छोटे-छोटे शहरों में पीने का पानी उपलब्ध करा दिया जाएगा। इसके लिए हम लोगों ने केन्द्र सरकार के पास बहुत सारी योजनाएं बनाकर भेजी हैं, लेकिन उनमें से 19 योजनाएं अभी भी पिछले चार पांच सालों से यहां लंबित पड़ी हुई है, सिर्फ यह कहकर कि हमारे पास फंड नहीं है। तो, मैडम, मैं यह सवाल मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूं कि फंड का इंतजाम कब तक होगा? हम महाराष्ट्र की जनता को क्या कहें कि कब तक आपको पीने का पानी उपलब्ध हो सकता है?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, as far as the question of providing drinking water to all the towns in the country is concerned, earlier, the decision was that towns having a population of less than 20,000 would be considered under this particular programme and that the total expenditure would be borne by the Central and the State Governments on 50:50 basis.

Now, there are 2,151 towns having a population of less than 20,000. But the funds which are being provided to this particular programme are very meagre. For example, during this year, i.e. 1997, we could get only Rs. 28 crores for this programme. Even the Chief Ministers' Conference passed an unanimous Resolution that this population limit should be increased from 20,000 to 1 lakh. It is still under the consideration of the Planning Commission.We are hopeful that the funds position would improve. We will certainly look into these things.

As far as Maharashtra is concerned, already, we have cleared 10 schemes. There are 19 schemes which are still pending. This is mainly due to want of funds.

श्री संजय निरूपम: मैडम, मेरा सवाल यही था, जैसा मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि जो 20 हजार की आबादी वाले शहर हैं, छोटे-छोटे शहर हैं, उन शहरों के लिए वाटर सप्लाई स्कीम जो है उस स्कीम के तहत 50 परसेंट हमें देना है, राज्य सरकारों को देना है। हम राज्य सरकार वाले हैं, जो 50 परसेंट लेकर तैयार हैं महाराष्ट्र में, बाकी 50 परसेंट राशि केन्द्र सरकार से कब मिलेगी? आखिर महाराष्ट्र की जनता को क्या कहा जाए? यही सवाल मेरा पहले भी था। उसका जवाब ही नहीं आया। क्या सरकार से इसका कोई कन्क्रीट आन्सर नहीं आ सकता?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, I have covered this point also in my reply. I have said that as and when the funds position would improve, this would be done. We are negotiating with the Planning Commission. This year they could provide only Rs. 28 crores. Rs. 720 crores was our demand. We have been just looking at the requirements of different States. We have been distributing funds. As I have earlier mentioned, when the position improves, we will certainly clear some of these projects. Actually all the projects have been examined, and they have been kept ready. As and when the position improves, we will certainly do this.

श्री नागेन्द्र नाथ ओझा: मैडम, नगर पालिका क्षेत्र में जल आपूर्ति की पूरी जवाबदेही क्या केन्द्र सरकार अपने ऊपर लेने के बारे में विचार करेगी?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I did not follow the question. आपने क्या सवाल पूछा है?

श्री नागेन्द्र नाथ ओझा: नगर पालिका क्षेत्र में, चाहे उसकी आबादी जो भी हो, जो नगर पालिका क्षेत्र है, उसके अंदर जल आपूर्ति की पूरी जवबादेही, पूरी उसके लिए असिस्टेंस देने की जवाबदेही क्या सरकार अपने ऊपर लेगी?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, this particular question pertains to urban water supply schemes in Maharashtra. However, there are three types of schemes which are being sponsored by different States. There are schemes even in Bihar also. Statewise particular are there. If he wants, I can

provide further details as far as Bihar is concerned.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you asking about Bihar?

SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: No.

श्री नरेश यादव: यह एक नीति मूलक प्रश्न है कि क्या आप पूरे देश में साफ पानी की व्यवस्था करेंगे?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is not asking about Bihar. He is just asking whether the Government is taking the responsibility for supplying potable drinking water to any city which has got a municipality. That was the basic question.

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, it has been incorporated in the Common Minimum Programme ... potable drinking water should be provided to all areas by 2000 AD. That is the commitment that has been made. Based on that only we have estimated that the total amount required is Rs. 8,200 crores. For this year we requested for a Plan provision of Rs. 720 crores. So, that is the situation. But the allocation is Rs. 28 crores only, as I was just mentioning. So, there are schemes which are being funded from the Plan funds of the concerned States and also from captive loans from the LIC etc. They have been doing it. Technical clearance is being provided by the Union Government. This particular scheme which we are discussing is only for the towns which have below 20,000 population.

श्री सतीश प्रधान: धन्यवाद मैडम। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा, जैसे कि अभी उन्होंने बताया कि 700 करोड़ में से सिर्फ 28 करोड़ का प्रावधान हुआ है। मैडम, यह सब योजनाएं, जो बताई है जैसे कि मूल, यह चन्द्रपुर डिस्ट्रिक्ट में आदिवासी क्षेत्र है। पूरे का पूरा पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है। कलम उस्मानाबाद का वैसा ही है, बड़गांव कोल्हापुर डिस्ट्रिक्ट है। कोल्हापुर बड़गांव की योजना पूरी होते ही कोल्हापुर शहर में भी पीने के लिए पानी मिल सकेगा। कलमेश्वर है, नागपुर की है, वहां की परिस्थिति भी ऐसी ही है और वहां पूरे के पूरे क्षेत्र में पीने के पानी की स्थिति बहुत चिंताजनक है और वहां किसी भी हालत में पानी मिलना आवश्यक है। यह सारा पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है। इस ढंग से यदि हम जाएंगे कि 700 करोड़ की आवश्यकता हो और सिर्फ 28 करोड़ का प्रावधान किया जाए, तो हमें कितने साल तक रुकना पड़ेगा, यह सवाल आता है और साथ-साथ में यह सब योजनाएं एन्वॉयरनमेंट डिपार्टमेंट की क्लीअरेंस के लिए भी रुक जाती है, तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इनमें से कितनी योजनाएं एन्वॉयरनमेंट डिपार्टमेंट की क्लीअरेंस के लिए रुकी हैं और इस स्पीड से यदि हम जाना चाहेंगे तो कितनी देर तक हमें रुकना पड़ेगा? क्या आप प्रधान मंत्री जी से रिक्वेस्ट करेंगे कि हमारे फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर को बताकर इस योजना के लिए कुछ ज्यादा प्रावधान किया जाए? धन्यवाद।

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, so far as the question on Chandrapur, a backard area, is concerned, in all probability it will get cleared very soon because this is the third item on the list of schemes awaiting clearance.

Madam, the hon. Member has asked how many years it will take to clear all these projects. It is a wider question and I am not in a position to answer it at the moment. The matter is being considered actively at the Planning Commission level. We have still been negotiating. But, as I have already mentioned, I am hopeful that the position will certainly get improved.

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Madam, would the hon. Minister use the good offices of the Prime Minister, in this regard?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: The Prime Minister is here.

DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Madam, my question pertains to Annexure II, Item No. 6—Augmentation of Water Supply to Latur. The Government of Maharashtra has taken up the responsibility of arranging funds for completion of the scheme and loans are being taken from the L.I.C. The scheme was submitted long back, but it is still awaiting clearance. The Central Government technical personnel are questioning the 150 litres per capita water

requirement for the urban population. They say if that be the requirement, the pipe-line will be of bigger size. Such technical objections are being made and the file is being kept pending.

Madam, the Maharashtra Government has already announced its determination to discontinue water supply by tankers to 21,000 water-scarce villages by the year 2000. In Latur also, water is being supplied with the help of tankers. When there is no constraint of funds, this scheme has got to be implemented. My question to the hon. Minister is when he is going to sanction the augmentation of water supply scheme to Latur. Please clear the technical objection, if there is any.

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, from amongst the schemes submitted by the Goverment of Maharashtra, four have already been approved.

In regard to the augmentation of water supply scheme to Latur, a reply on it has been received from the State Government just two or three days back. The Government will certainly look into it and do whatever is needed at its earliest.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 125. Dr. Venkateswarlu, you are getting up again and again to answer questions. You can keep sitting while replying. Nobody would mind. Perhaps you like this exercise.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Madam, that will be a little physiotherapy.

Printing Presses under the Directorate of Printing

*125. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:†

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many printing presses are working under the Directorate of Printing under the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment;

(b) whether all the modern equipments have been installed in these presses;

(c) if not, to what extent the modernisation has been possible;

(d) whether these presses are running in profit; and

(e) what steps would be taken to increase their efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) 21 Printing Presses are working under the Directorate of Printing under Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment.

(b) and (c) Out of 21 Presses, 8 Presses have been fully modernised by inducting offset Technology. One Press is under modernisation. 7 Printing Presses have been partially modernised and 5 Presses are still working with old technology. Details may be seen in the Statement-I (See below) Expenditure incurred on modernisation of Government of India Presses, during the last 10 years is given in the Statement-II (See below) Out of modernisation programme taken up for 16 Presses 2 Presses, namely, Govt. of India Press, Minto Road and Govt. of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi were taken up under the Plan Scheme and the remaining 14 under the Non-Plan Scheme.

During the last few years following modernisation work were taken up:—

(i) Modernisation of Government of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi was started during the 8th Five Year Plan. The work will be completed by 1997-98;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Shrikant Ramchandra Jichkar.